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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2002 for which a three month extension is being filed herewith to extend the period for response from October 12, 2002 to January 13, 2003 (January 12, 2003 was a Sunday).

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 remain pending in this application. Applicants submit that these claims are allowable and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action of July 12, 2002.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Adams (US